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SUBJECT: EEC-ICELANDIC FISHERIES TALKS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION
DURING IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT TO ICELAND

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1. MFA DEPUTY PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY HELGASON (PORTECT)
INFORMED DCM THAT MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE PURPOSE OF VISIT BY
IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD TO ICELAND MAY 5-6 WAS
MESSAGE CONVEYED TO GOI BY FITZGERALD ON BEHALF OF EEC
PARTNERS THAT EEC WOULD NOT RPT NOT "COERCE" ICELAND
INTO GRANTING FISHING RIGHTS TO EEC MEMBERS. HELGASON
NOTED THAT THESE ASSURANCES APPEAR TO SPECIFICALLY PRE-
CLUDE COMMERCIAL PRESSURES SUCH AS THREATS TO REVOKE
SPECIAL TARIFF CONCESSIONS GRANTED BY EEC TO IMPORTS FROM
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ICELAND.

2. FITZGERALD REPORTEDLY INFORMED ICELANDIC PRESS
THAT IRELAND CO LD LEARN A GREAT DEAL FROM ICELAND
ABOUT PROTECTING NATIONAL FISHERIES JURISDICTIONS.
IN PRIVATE HOWEVER, HELGASON NOTED, FITZGERALD AND
GOI OFFICIALS AGREED THAT IRELAND AS MEMBER OF EEC

HAD NO WHERE NEAR FREEDOM OF ACTION TO DEAL WITH FISHING TRAWLERS FROM UK, WEST GERMANY AND OTHER COUNTRIES THAT ICELAND DID AND THAT ICELANDIC METHODS AND "FISHERIES DIPLOMACY" WERE NOT DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO IRISH SITUATION.

3. HELGASON ALSO NOTED THAT GUNDELACH AND FRANK JUDD (WHO WOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTING EEC PRESIDENCY) WOULD BE COMING TO ICELAND IN NEAR FUTURE TO RESUME LONG-DELAYED EEC-ICELANDIC FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS. HE INDICATED THAT PROBABLE DATES WOULD BE JUNE 6-10.
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